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HIV in Northern BC

Statistics

- 27 new cases identified in 2009
- Rates in NI similar to Vancouver
- More than 55% potentially exposed via IDU

Demographics

- Identified older
- More males
- More Aboriginal People

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Existing HIV Related Resources Prince George

- Public Health
- Downtown Primary Care Facility (Central Interior Native Health Society)
- Infectious Disease Specialist
- AIDS Serving Organization & Fire Pit (Positive Living North)
- Northern Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Task Force



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- Blood Borne Pathogens Working Group
 - Public health, community care, Mental health and addictions, pharmacy, diagnostics
 - Northern Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Task Force, PLN, CINHS
 - Physicians
- Sub Task Groups
 - Screening & Testing
 - Care & Treatment
 - Medication Adherence Support



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Initial Actions

- Project Manager
- Process mapping to identify improvements
- Increase outreach capacity of Primary Care Facility
- Institute point of care testing
- Education for service providers



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Upcoming Actions

- Hire pharmacist dedicated to HIV
- Hire a clinical integration lead
- Work with partners to increase access to testing
- Establish Clinical Integration Lead
- Increase communications
- Establish medication adherence support



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Next Steps

- Develop overall strategy & model of care
- Establish approach for connecting directly with people affected by HIV
- Skill development for care providers
- Establish ways of measuring progress



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Questions?

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